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MARY MARTIN — COLE PORTER

(The Sophisticates)

By ABEL GREEN

Cole Porter, born in Peru, Indiana, and Mary Martin, born in Weatherford, Texas, are curiously coincidental exponents of international sophistication first cradled in small towns. Porter, who has been frequently mistaken for a compatriot of Noel Coward, and Miss Martin, whose heart belonged to daddy in last year's Broadway musical comedy hit, "Leave It To Me," certainly belie any geographic premise that the recipe for brittle, smart and sparkling song stylizing is 100% indigenous to Broadway or Hollywood, London or Paris.

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Proponents of the theorem that sophistication is an assimilated quality have excellent evidence in the persons of both.

Yet both keynote all the sophistry in the world. In fact, Porter's tunes and rhymes are not for the kiddies, and only the charm of Miss Martin's artistry offset some of the wordage assigned her in the *My Heart Belongs to Daddy* song which, for a spell, was kept off the kilocycles as not for the home and the hearth. It's a paradox that Miss Martin's fine soprano, later so significantly promulgated via Paramount's film, "The Great Victor Herbert," arrested attention through such devious devices as saucy songs.

Porter, however, is frank and forthright in his syncopated cynicisms. True, many of his compositions are such sentimental hits as *Night and Day*, *You Do Something To Me*, *At Long Last Love*, *Do I Love You*, *I've Got You Under My Skin*, *In the Still of the Night*, *Rosalie*, *You're The Top*, *Get Out of Town* (another Mary Martin excerpt from "Leave It To Me"), but contrariwise his lyrics in the following manifest a hard and factual appraisal of life's parade, notably: *Love For Sale*, *Why Shouldn't I?*, *Let's Do It*, *Katie Went to Haiti*, *My Heart Belongs to Daddy*, *What Is This Thing Called Love?* and others.

An iconoclast in life, his lyrics and melodies in general reflect an unorthodox perspective, both in the conception and construction of the songs. His *You're The Top*, with its intricate and original couplets, started a cycle in that sort of popular song delivery. His memorable *You're Delightful*, *Delicious*, *De-Lovely* speaks for itself. Even the most casual harkening to the wordage in *Katie Went to Haiti* (where she 'met a natie') illustrates his constant search for novel rhyming and development. Ditto *Let's Do It* (*Let's Fall In Love*) points up Porter's geographic and orthnological paraphrase on this thing called love.

In this Decca cavalcade of sophisticated Cole Porteriana, Miss Martin gives all six selections a distinctive and distinguished interpretation, under the able baton of maestro Ray Sinatra. Her reprise of *Daddy* as befits the originator and first interpreter of the song, takes on new values and enhanced vocal nuances. The highly pleasing and competent soprano which she manifested in "The Great Victor Herbert" for Paramount Pictures will probably have to stand comparison, for the rest of her public and professional career, with the *Daddy* song. Likewise, Cole Porter has become synonymous with *Night and Day* and *Begin the Beguine*, perhaps his two most readily remembered compositions; this

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despite the rich fund of song material he has created in a fertile theatrical career since his Yale and Harvard days.

Such trademarked identification with special songs or phrases, of course, is the dream of every artist. Say Al Jolson and you think *Mammy*; Ted Lewis and you think of *When My Baby Smiles At Me* and *Is Everybody Happy?*; Eddie Leonard and *Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider*; Nora Bayes and *Shine On Harvest Moon*; Blanche Ring and *I've Got Rings On My Fingers*; Sophie Tucker and *Some of These Days*; Harry Richman and *Putting on the Ritz*. Thus Mary Martin and *My Heart Belongs to Daddy* will probably be as closely coupled as Lea and Perrins.

To the return to the small town analogy of La Martin and Porter, both were children of lawyers. Preston Martin, father of Mary, who was born December 1, 1914, in Weatherford, Texas (which is 60 miles from Fort Worth) was the city judge there. Porter's parents in Peru, Ind., sent Cole to Yale and later to the Harvard Law School after he graduated from Old Eli in 1913, in the intent to make him an attorney also. At Yale he wrote *Bingo* and *Bull Dog*, now official school songs, and despite two years at Harvard Law he wound up with two more years at the Harvard Music School to prepare him for what he already had evidenced would be his life's work.

That making the nation's (and the world's) songs is to be preferred to making its laws, is evidenced by Porter's globe-trotting allegiances and alliances. Virtually a commuter between New York and Hollywood, doing shows for Broadway and the filmusicals, alternately necessitates maintaining permanent homes on both coasts. In addition, Porter until recently, had a home in Paris and a villa in Cannes.

He started writing college football songs at Yale and undergraduate plays at Harvard. "See America First" was actually his first Broadway effort. After playing two weeks it flopped.

His first real hit didn't come until 1919, after the war, when he authored "Hitchy-Koo" and from whence emerged his first big song success, *An Old Fashioned Garden*. He had joined the French Army in World War I, doing a stint with the Foreign Legion before being transferred to the French artillery. At War's end he returned to Broadway. He soon was dividing his time and talents between Broadway and London. His successes abroad included Charles B. Cochran's revue, "Wake Up and Dream," "Nymph Errant" and others. In 1923 he did the songs for

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"Greenwich Village Follies;" later Irene Bordoni's "Paris," "50 Million Frenchmen" and "The New Yorkers;" "Gay Divorcee" (show and film), "Anything Goes," "Jubilee," "Born to Dance" (Metro film), "Red Hot and Blue" (with Bob Hope, Ethel Merman, Jimmy Durante and Polly Walters), "You Never Know," "Leave It To Me" (Victor Moore, William Gaxton, Tamara, Sophie Tucker and, of course, Miss Martin), "Rosalie" (Metro film again) and his latest (current) productions are B. G. De-Sylva's Broadway musical comedy hit, "DuBarry Was A Lady" (Ethel Merman, Bert Lahr, Betty Grable, et al.), and Metro's "Broadway Melody of 1940," starring Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell.

Porter is a musical nomad. He has tried several times to give up tune-smithing and live a life of Continental ease and travel, but invariably he has returned from his Paris home to Broadway and Hollywood.

Mary Martin admits that her recipe for success was one song, a certain amount of good fortune, and a whole lot of determination and (in all modesty) ability. She had plenty of the latter but, true to the Hollywood tradition, she had to be "discovered" after having been right under the filmites' collective noses right along. In fact, a Sunday night gala at the Trocadero, Hollywood nitery, was what focused attention on her from Laurence Schwab, film and legit producer, who still has her under personal management and guides her theatrical destinies. Schwab projected her east into "Leave It To Me," and it was while on Broadway that a Paramount talent scout, Arthur Jacobson, re-"discovered" her. Her tests struck Andrew Stone, Paramount producer, as ideal for "Victor Herbert," which he was then making, and thus she went west again, this time under de luxe auspices.

Under the element of luck, apart from Schwab's great interest in her, was the event which took June Knight, an established Broadway musical comedy star, out of "Leave It To Me." Miss Knight decided to get married just before rehearsals, Miss Martin got her opportunity, and a Cole Porter song — *the* one song — made her famous on the morning after the Broadway opening. The press and premiereites acclaimed her vocal style and personal charm in the cute strip-tease specialty that went with the song.

Mary Martin's heart belongs to daddy now in actuality since May 5. She married Richard Halliday, Paramount story editor, in Las Vegas, Nevada, on that date, in between film production chores for both on the same lot.

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